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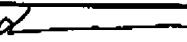
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	150
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	100
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	100
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	250
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 15, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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